# CONSTITUTION GIVEN. **BUT CHINA TRIES TO** KEEP OLD DYNASTY

Imperialists Not to · Fulfill Pledges If Outside Aid Helps Crush Rebels.

PEKIN, Oct. 30.—The government is-sued its expected edict today, granting what amounts to constitutional rule for China. At the same time it is reported however, to be making huge offers to certain foreign governments for aid in upholding the present system of despotism. Of course nothing further will be heard of its promised concessions to the rebels if it can secure outside aid in suppressing them. Failing outside assistance, it will fulfill its pledges. This is assuming that the revolutionists accept them, which is doubtful.

The imperial edict apologizes for its neglect in not having bowed to the peowishes sooner. It promises to exclude the nobility from the new cabinet and extends free pardon to all

The edict, as already forecast, pro-The edict, as already forecast, provides for a parliament, revision of the present ineffective constitution, the substitution of civil for military methods of maintaining order, responsibility of the cabinet to parliament instead of the Emperor, and curtailment of the latter's power to a point considerably less, for example, than that of the President of the United States.

Source of Assistance.

It is not known positively with what are negotiating for help, but discovery that it has arranged with Baron Cottu for an \$18,000,000 loan from an Anglo-Franco-Belgian syndicate strongly suggests that it is from England and France that it hopes the most. Naturally this is a black eye for the rival Anglo-Franco-German syndicate head-ed, it is said, by J. Pierpont Morgan, and the Japanese group, both of which had previously rejected the Chinese

had previously rejected the Chinese government's overtures. In the case of England and France the changed situation means merely changes in the financial groups interested. Politically the Angio-Franco combination will get a tighter grip on China than ever, if the loan arrangement is permitted to stand. The United States and Germany, however, are completely thrown over, and the plan seems to be to crowd them out of the Chinese game entirely if possible.

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In diplomatic circles here the Washington and Berlin governments are expected to be highly dissatisfied. The United States, in particular, is considered to have been almost ridiculously out-maneuvered, inasmuch as it was understood to be counting on taking a very important part in settling Chinese affairs, with England as its strongest

Position of Rebels.

Probabilities are, however, neither the government's offers to the revolutionists nor the negotiation of the \$18,000,000 loan will do much toward checking the rebellion.

The rebels already have served notice on foreigners that, after the revolution has been accomplished, the new gov ernment will repudiate the old one's obligations. They do not believe the monarchy's concessions are proposed in good faith, and there are no signs that they will be accepted.

Confirmation of the imperialists' re-capture of Hankow is still unconfirmed.

danger.
General Yin Chang, who was rumored several days ago to have been killed, and subsequently to have effected the recapture of Hankow, is now understood to be ready for flight at a moment's notice. Dr. Jackson and A. H. Kapler, the two Americans, reported shot in the fighting there, now are said not to have been seriously wounded.

An outbreak here is considered so threatening that foreign residents are seeking protection of their legations. threatening that foreign residents are seeking protection of their legations, and all of them are under arms in readiness for whatever may develop. Statements that the Emperor has been spirited away, and that Prince Regent Ching has committed suicide are discredited.

### Chinese Situation Develops as State Office Predicted

Today's despatches from China, recounting the concessions made to the revolutionists and the national assem bly by the imperial government, bear out almost completely the predictions made in the State Department some days ago.

The expected outcome of the revolu tion is expressed in the department by the one word, "compromise." Yuan Shih Kai, similarly, is looked upon as

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Now that Yuan has succeeded in wringing from the imperial government everything he wished in the way of authority and complete discretion in the situation, a speedy adjustment of the trouble is expected. A new government is inevitable, it is believed, monarchical in form, but as popular, in fact, as that of Great Britain.

Yuan is a progressive, and a Chinese, who has fought the despotic Manchu government. However, he has also opposed his own party, declaring that they were attempting to introduce reforms too precipitately. Because he occupies a sort of middle ground, and because he is a popular man and a natural leader and statesman, Washington looks to see him successful in his attempt to bring order out of chaos and establish a new China.

A liberalized government will be welcomed by the State Department, as it would be sure to welcome foreigners and their modern means for developing China's vast resources. The United States, for whom all China entertains an unusually friendly feeling, would be certain to win a large share in all development projects.

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The Usual Masked Parade.

There will be the usual masked parade, with King Topsy Turvy at its head and also there will be the usual grist of jokes and near-jokes. The time-honored custom of stealing gates, foreign governments the Manchu rulers door-mats, and geraniums will be kept by small boys, or those who were once. Even iron dogs and plaster Venuses occupying dooryards will retain their classic charms intact only through eternal vigilance and the observant eye of the night watchman. Street lamps will bear strange fruit, much resembling somebody's front gate, and doorbells will ring mysteriously, keeping time with the tick-tack-tattoo on the parlor window.

window. Yesterday I passed a florist's window, Window.
Yesterday I passed a florist's window, and happening to look in, I saw perched upon a huge yellow crepe paper new moon, an old hag of a witch, carrying her broom askew in the most approved fashion, and riding full tilt straight toward a big yellow-eyed black cat, which stood perched on a rail fence directly in her path. The floor of the window was covered with pumpkins, and all about the back and side of this almost living picture were sheaves of cornstalks and a hedge formed of autumn branches, red and yellow and brown. And then I knew. The pumpkins and the black cat, and the witch, and the crescent moon all proclaimed that Halloween is here; that annual orgy of silliness; that one day in the year when the natural born darn fool, and his little brother, the village cut-up, come into their own.

History does not record exactly the date when our ancestors and ancest resease first began bobbing for apples, throwing the paring over their shoulders to learn the initial of the future one; looking into mirrors just as mid-information she may gain from the goddess Chance. For that reason she leaves the testimony of the popping chestnut, the ring in the cake, and the curling apple paring to her more unsophisticated sisters of the hinterland, or for the callow 'rah 'rah boys and girls with the college pennant penchant.

But the shops are all ready for Halloween, and it is a curlous miscellancy of witchfolk they offer to the public. Grinning gnomes, made out of crepe paper leer at the ones who pass hurriedly by the counter upon which they are displayed. Jack O'Lanterns out of style to make Jack O'Lanterns out of the jumpkin of pie and commerce, for the reason that these golden fruits of the field commanded sech excellent prices as material for pie filling that it was counted rank extravagance to waste them for things less satisfactory from an epicurian point of view. Now

to their own.

History does not record exactly the date when our ancestors and ancestresses first began bobbing for apples, throwing the paring over their shoulders to learn the initial of the future one; looking into mirrors just as midnight sounded, and doing the other weird "stunts" that are favored of youths and swains the world over on this eve of All Saints Day.

The origin is lost in the dim archives of the past, but the girl of 1911 is as found, needing only a last word in

when fairles gathered, when hobgoblins wandered forth, when withered witches that the Wright brothers and other to know.

In these piping days, when the super- to sign the pledge and embrace abstinatural and the occult have given way nence at once. to more material things, few are found who believe in witches and hobgoblins holiday belonged to the sprites, druids, the fairies. Halloween, like other old and elves. But now, reproduced in

Of course there are a few old-fashioned maids who still cling to the apple seed and apple paring test, but the more matter-of-fact damsel of the twentieth century prefers rather to between the twentieth century prefers rather to believe in her own powers of fascination Of course there are a few oldlieve in her own powers of fascination rather than to any inside information

### Columbia Turnverein **Gymnasium Fund Grows**

club house yesterday.

### Maccabee Officers Will Visit Lodge

Foreign warships are reported to have landed more marines there, and foreign residents are considered in considerable danger.

Plans for advancing the money raising campaign for the new gymnasium were of the Maccabees for the District of discussed at the Leting of the Columbia will make their annual visitation.

Reports from the finance committee having he work of raising the money in charge showed that \$3,000 of the necessary \$7,500 had been raised, and officers of the society expressed themselves as being optimistic.

Plans for the organizing of the turning classes and the German school were formulated, and it was decided to open one of the classes for boys on November 4. The following officers will be in the

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cager to try her fate, and the youth of the same date is as eager to assist her in this laudable enterprise as were the youths and maids of a hundred, maybe a thousand years ago.

The night of Hallowe'en was the time the shape of a coal or two. Over against these devils and imps is an army of ancient and fearsome witches, and some of them oan be manipulated with a key, which makes them dance in a manner most wonderful and weird.

There's a witch's camera close by, and congregated in strange places to hold beware of this, all ye who tread the carnival, and to sally forth through the mysteries of the Halloween novelty deair, astride broomsticks, to the abodes partment. It is an innocent looking of men. They were the first aviators, camera, when closed, but when it is these old hags, and they didn't use bi-opened by the operator, it is like Panplanes or monoplanes, either, for these dora's box, for out of it leaps a whole midnight excursions. They had secrets world of trouble, in the shape of a squirming, wriggling serpent, that wizards of the air would give their ears would make a man straightaway seek the nearest temperance society, eager

In the old, old days of Halloween the and time-tried institutions, has become commercialized, and were it not for the fact that the ever alert shopkeepers take cognizance of its coming, its celebration, at least in the cities, would be relegated to the small boys and girls who seize any occasion as an opportunity for an outlet to their exuberance of spirits.

Cling to Old Test.

and elves. But now, reproduced in papier mache, and equally adaptable materials—Cupids, elves, imps, witches, hobgoblins, fafries, black cats, and all manner of strange animals to be make the holiday in the shop windows. Witchfolk all they are—candy boxes, cotillion favors, dinner cards, various first aids to the superstitious rites to be enacted by sentimental maidens as the clock strikes twelve, upon Hallow-cen.

Gorgeous Blooms Present Riot of Color at Government Greenhouses.

Madame Chrysanthemum, in all the rimson and golden splendor of autumn s queen today.

Down in the Government greenho Superintendent McClelland has been busy for days putting the finishing touches to the gay display of flowers hat opened this morning. To stand at the door of the conservatories and follow the wonderful variegated vista of color far down the aisle is to have the sensation of an exquisite blur of riotous color. Then to walk slowly down the aisles and see the individual blossoms is surely sufficient to make the most commonplace and prosaic person i bit poetical.

The most popular and ambitious 'mun thaat is being shown this year for the first time is the O. R. Felton. It is of brilliant orange color, the petals being closely packed. On its nine-foot stem it nods above all the other beautiful blossoms and rivals even the sixfoot pure white Taft 'mum in height and perfection of form.

All Are Exquisite.

The shorter chrysanthemums, if one calls six and seven-foot plans short, are exquisite a dnas near perfect as possible. The Mary Farnsworth is seven feet tall, with broad, buff-colored petals, with an under coloring of pink, The affice Lemon 'mum has such long, curv-ing petals that one would think some fairy had done it up in curl papers over night in order that it should appear at its best for this especial occasion. It is deep yellow in shade. Then there is any number of other yellow flowers

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Smaller Plants

Smaller Plants. Along either side of the conservatory

the smaller seedling 'mums are mios-soming in white, pink, red, lavender, maize, and all the other gorgeous autumn shades, rivaling the kaleidoscope in diversity of color combintions. Some of these plants bear blossoms of the daintiest golden-hearted haby flowers, which grow in clusters, naving as many as a hundred flowers on one stem.

There are more than 100 varieties of chrysanthemums among the thousand or more blossoms displayed, and every one of them has been developed from a slip since last March. When they were started they were first placed in sand, then transferred to two-inch pots, then, as they grew and became large enough to be transplanted into larger pots, they were pruned and carefully nurtured until they became the beautiful show mums that are delighting Washingtonians this week. in diversity of color combintions. Some

# Woman Shot by Husband

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 30.-Mrs. Carrol L. James is in a serious condition here today as a result of an attempt upon her life made by her husband, a former Baltimore and Ohio railroad conductor, at Pennsboro, James also shot and killed his father-in-law, William Pritchard, aged fifty-five, wounded Mrs. Pritchard, his mother-in-law, and then committed suicide.

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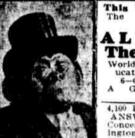
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